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WHITE CHRISTMAS

One can't catch the spirit of Christmas if the thermometer is soaring to 70 and 75 and one's garden looks ready for planting. It takes the story-books tingle of sleigh-bells and the lacy patterns of ice, snow and sleet, cold noses and frosted fingers.

King Winter, therefore, was kind to us this week. Merchants should chuckle with glee now that a "White Christmas" is in the offing. And the kiddies will prepare anew with greater vim for Santa Claus' annual trek down from the North Pole. Yes, it's more like Christmas now.

SINCE 1912

Not since Wilson was named president in 1912 has the Democratic party elected a speaker of the House of Representatives. John Gardner, veteran Texan, was named to that post Monday as the seventy-second Congress was organized.

The years intervening have seen enough prosperity to prove that the nation can be prosperous under a Republican rule; and they have seen enough depression (surely) to prove that the nation can be in adversity under a Republican rule. The upshot of what they have clearly portrayed, is that a change of administration at proper intervals, works for the best interest of the country. Since 1912 the Democrats have failed to overthrow the Republican House control, until the election Monday of Gardner. It is an omen of what is in store for the electorate in 1932. We plead that the Democratic control of the House between now and election time, be safe, sane and guarded, with the best interest of the mass of the people close at heart.

COLORED NEWS

SPOUT SPRING.—On November 25, Mrs. Vassette Harris and Miss F. I. Richardson, in company with the Rev. B. L. Brantly, of Bedford City, motored to Philadelphia to spend Thanksgiving, and to attend the Howard and Lincoln classic. They also visited Virginia Union of Richmond and Lincoln University. On their return trip they visited in Baltimore and Washington.

Last Saturday all the colored teachers in the county met at Appomattox to plan for the dedication of the new school, which will begin February 17 through the 20th. The program has been carefully planned.

We are planning to have some of our own men from this county, who have made themselves worth while as speakers. The Rev. C. E. Jones, now of Newport News, and the Rev. P. L. Harvey, now of Lynchburg, are able speakers, and mean much to the cause

Mrs. C. F. Harris asked a number of friends to help in giving Mrs. Sue Fitch a pound party. Mrs. Fitch has been ill for some time. A large number of pounds were brought. This made her feel so cheerful.

Miss S. T. Flowers, president of the Willing-Workers Club is urging all members to be present Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Subject for consideration: "What is community pride? And how to use it. Mrs. Flowers is interested in her people and tries to put the best before them. This subject will be opened by Mrs. Mary Tanner.

FATHER DARKLEAF'S COLUMN

BY C.H.R.

Maybe Father Darkleaf shouldn't tell about the local huntsman who shot a turkey buzzard last week thinking it was a turkey; or even about himself allowing the radiator on his declining gasoline omnibus to freeze no end Tuesday night. And maybe he shouldn't print that chipping brought to town by a farmer, being a rare parody on the twenty-third Psalm starting off: "Hoover is my sheppard, I am in want . . . . my income runneth over with taxes", etc. Fe, Fi, Fo Fum. And maybe he shouldn't tell about the prominent man in Lynchburg who only got as far as the sixth grade in school and yet is making good with a bang. Sure, and maybe he shouldn't tell that Father Darkleaf himself made a tour of local stores Saturday afternoon to count shoppers in the various business places to see if those who advertised got results. (Boy, and won't I be glad to show you the figures.) And maybe it's nobody's business if I have already bought three times as many Christmas cards as I could possibly send out. Yeah, maybe I'd better not tell all that, because this paragraph is already long enough.

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In order to write one must, first of all, have a story to tell or an idea to set forth. That, I consider the prime requisite, the controlling impulse. Second one must love to dapple in words. There is a romance in juggling letters, coining phrases. It is entirely up to the individual, that matter of the story or the idea. Perhaps it is living deeply or perhaps it is moral and mental courage. It may even be a matter of intelligent curiosity. It is, however, the other that is most often neglected. Ever sit down and pair up words? Like Nature pairing up chromosomes in Mitosis; like a shoe clerk finding mates in a mass of odd shoes; like an antique dealer in an attic; like a coach on the first day of scrimmage; like a four-year older on Christmas morning? I do. Often I light my pipe, take out a scratch pad and jot them down, all my flotsem and jetsem of words: my: liquid aspects of happiness; faded medallioned carpets; weirdly wistfully wailing of a melancholy flute, shifting mockery of the moon; clam juice cocktails; scull my boat with a languid oar; pulse of life; a man's respect is more than his love; life's emeshed ensemble; exotic paintings; greasy adjectives; her somehow ways.

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"A little white to sleep, to lie
Suspended by some weird psychosis;
To strut, to stretch, to search the curious eye
For proof of dreaded halitosis . . . .
Then weeds and grass that cows will edit;
And no more cash and no more credit."

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Whereupon Doc James would say, "I move we adjourn."

Hoover presents 'prosperity' program to Congress Wednesday.

BENT CREEK

BENT CREEK,—Captain Louis B. Rapp, head of the Fire Department of Lynchburg, and some friends were here deer hunting Tuesday.

Mrs. M. S. McCormick was in Lynchburg Saturday buying Santa Clause. The depression will keep Santa from lots of homes this Christmas, so thinks the writer.

The farmers are certainly up against it in this section. One remarked the other day, "how can a man sell tobacco for 6½ cents a hundred and pay for provisions bought while marketing it." We all have ups and downs, and much more than we are thankful for. More light-living and more faith in God is what would help this country now.

Mrs. Kate Walton still continues critically ill. Her children are deeply concerned about her.

Mrs. C. W. Phelps is thought to be improving by physician and friends.

Hog killing is now the order of the day. W. W. Thornhill killed one that weighed over 500 lbs and we have some now that will equal his to butcher.

Melvin Jamerson is spending this week with his home people.

MT. VINCO

MT. VINCO.—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crews were in Lynchburg Saturday.

Pearl Bixler, who has been working in Richmond, returned home for a while on account of his eyes.

Mrs. Annie May Fitzpatrick, who has been at her home near here, will leave Saturday for Raleigh, N. C., to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ned Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Simmons, of Richmond, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Green.

Carlton Lewellyn, of Staunton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewellyn and Mrs. Sarne Lewellyn, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lewellyn, of Mt. Vinco, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Lewellyn.

B. M. Dunevant and Mr. Moore, of Farmville, filled Mr. Lovalace's place at St. Andrews, Sunday.

B. M. Dunevant and Mr. Moore spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patteson.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgial Ranson spent Sunday evening with her mother, Mrs. Sallie E. Spencer.

DILLWYN

DILLWYN,—Misses Mary Norvell and Louise Moore spent the past week-end as the guests of Mrs. W. A. Moss in Farmville.

Miss Janie Ranson, of Ransons, spent the past week-end as the guest of Miss Elizabeth Ranson and Eunice Allen here.

Mrs. C. M. Robertson and Mrs. M. W. Nuckols were Richmond visitors this week

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, of Lexington, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wood last week.

Messrs. Lewis and Marshall Nuckols, of Richmond, spent the past week-end with their parents here.

Messrs. L. A. Bersch, C. R. Wood and J. R. Snoddy were business visitors to Buckingham C. H. Monday.

There will be a W. M. S. group meeting at Dillwyn Baptist church next Monday

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. H. Crow, Mrs C. R. Wood, Mrs. F. G. Wood and Mrs. C. Lankum motored to Richmond Monday. While there Mr. Crow attended the Firestone Convention.

Mrs. M. P. Claiborne and sons, Marshall and Bobbie were Charlottesville visitors last week. While there Marshall and Bobbie had their tonsils removed. They are both doing nicely.

Representatives of Enon, Cedar and Bethlehem churches, joined Dillwyn Baptist church in a program for the climax of the "Week of Prayer", here last Thursday. The children of Dillwyn Baptist church rendered a very impressive pageant on "Giving" pertaining to the 'Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.' The program was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. C. E. Pearson and Mr. Billy Hardiman motored to Richmond last week to visit their mother, who underwent an operation at Johnston Willis hospital a few days ago. They report that Mrs. Hardiman is improving slowly.

Local farmers have plenty to eat, but can't get living prices for surplus.

The new colored school in Appomattox is nearing completion.

12 more shopping days before Christmas.

OAKVILLE

OAKVILLE.—Killing hogs has taken the day among the farmers of this vicinity during this cold spell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Comer, who board with T. E. Owen, spent Saturday night and Sunday at their home in Bedford.

Regular preaching services were held at Red Oak Baptist church Sunday evening, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Henderson, with a small crowd attending.

We are glad to report that Mrs. O. W. Martin, who was operated on sometime ago, at the Virginia Baptist hospital, is back home and getting along nicely.

Miss Robertson, of Bent Creek spent the week-end with Miss Louise Doss.

The teachers of Oakville high school spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Mrs. J. C. Abbitt, Mrs. W. C. Harvey, Mrs. E. B. Martin, T. Burge Moore, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Martin, Mrs. H. O. Martin, Mrs. M. M. Drinkard, Misses Eunice and Loraine Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Martin and Mrs. John Harris and Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Lewis were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin Sunday evening.

Miss Mattie Moss, who teaches at Somewall, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. Abbitt.

Miss Virginia Harvey, who teaches at Darlington Heights, spent the week-end at her home near here.

Miss Lois Martin, who has been spending sometime with her aunt, Mrs. H. R. Moore, has returned to her home near here.

Mrs. W. A. Ayers visited Mrs. O. W. Martin Sunday.

Keep Those Christmas Boxes

"Too pretty to throw away!" we say when we open those decorative tin boxes which guarded so effectively our Christmas fruit cake or our Christmas candies. So we go on saving them to hold everything under the sun—handkerchiefs, gloves, puppy dogs, cravats, odds and ends and elephants.

They Are Useful

And soon, because the cakes are so good and the candies so superior we find ourselves with more pretty boxes than we have puppy dogs and cravats. So we store them away waiting for a nice little elephant to come along which will just fit—but instead press them into service right away.

That tall one with the funny bear on the cover will be a jolly cookie jar that Junior and Jane can't possibly break when they reach on tip-toe for the pantry shelf. And Peggy, who carries some sandwiches to school for the Friday feast won't mind carrying them at all if she has that gay red oak-box to pack them in.

These small oblong boxes with the hinged lid, which come in such lovely pastel shades of orchid, blue and pink, come with jewel designs, make excellent boxes for the new costume jewelry if a layer of the cotton-batting padding is left inside. The small round boxes are excellent to hold spools of thread—those spools which ordinarily clutter up your work basket.

Auditorium Nearly Completed

Work has virtually been completed in the remodled auditorium on the Appomattox school campus. The building will be ready for occupation soon, it is reported.

Many inquiries received for small farms in this section.

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